



## GOVERNOR HASLAM TIMELINE

**2011**



<b>Jan. 15</b>	<p>Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam is <a href="#">inaugurated</a> into office: “<i>As your governor, I promise to be a good listener and a continuous learner, to lead with grace and humility, and when faced with adversity, to respond with determination. And finally, I will work hard. In business, as a mayor, and as a candidate for governor, I have learned nothing replaces hard work.</i>”</p> <p>Haslam’s diverse and professional Cabinet also is sworn in.</p>
<b>Jan. 18</b>	Haslam visits with employees at the Department of Tourist Development.
<b>Jan. 24</b>	Haslam announces statewide series of <a href="#">regional jobs roundtables</a> to hear first hand from those who are investing in Tennessee.
<b>Jan. 27</b>	Haslam holds first jobs <a href="#">roundtable</a> in Memphis to hear more about how the state can help create the right environment for job growth.
<b>Jan. 31</b>	Haslam begins <a href="#">four days</a> of <a href="#">budget hearings</a> with Finance and Administration Commissioner Mark Emkes and Budget Director Bill Bradley.
<b>Feb. 4</b>	Haslam visits with employees at the Department of Environment and Conservation.
<b>Feb. 8</b>	Haslam visits with employees at the Department of General Services.
<b>Feb. 11</b>	<p>Haslam signs <a href="#">Senate Bill 25/House Bill 51</a> regarding school consolidation in Memphis and Shelby County.</p> <p>Haslam holds jobs <a href="#">roundtable</a> in <a href="#">Chattanooga</a> to hear more about how the state can help create the right environment for job growth.</p>
<b>Feb. 17</b>	Haslam introduces his administration’s <a href="#">legislative package</a> for the <a href="#">2011 session</a> , focused on making Tennessee the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs by educating the workforce, identifying and rewarding great teachers and revising the state’s civil justice system.
<b>Feb. 22</b>	Haslam has breakfast with <a href="#">local Greeneville teachers</a> for <a href="#">input</a> on improving education in Tennessee.
<b>Mar. 3</b>	<a href="#">Haslam</a> names <a href="#">Kevin Huffman Education Commissioner</a> after a nationwide search.
<b>Mar. 4</b>	Haslam joins the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security in welcoming a <a href="#">new class</a> of <a href="#">44 state troopers</a> to the Highway Patrol.
<b>March 7</b>	Haslam swears in <a href="#">Jim Henry</a> as the very first commissioner of the

	Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.
<b>March 11</b>	Haslam has breakfast with <a href="#">local Franklin educators</a> for input on improving education in Tennessee.
<b>Mar. 14</b>	Haslam <a href="#">delivers</a> his first <a href="#">State of the State address</a> , calling upon legislators and other state officials to join him in transforming how government sets priorities and makes choices - <i>“Ten years from now we will not – and cannot – be doing government the same way we did 20 years ago,”</i> Haslam said. <i>“The time is right to go on a rigorous diet that consumes less and exerts more energy.”</i>
<b>Mar. 15</b>	Haslam and Huffman participate in <a href="#">roundtable discussion</a> with charter school and other educators before <a href="#">announcing</a> nearly \$40 million to grow and support charter schools in Tennessee.
<b>Mar. 17</b>	<p>Haslam is <a href="#">appointed</a> to a bipartisan, federal study group co-chaired by U.S. Sens. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Michael Bennett (D-CO). He joins Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper (D-CO) and U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan.</p> <p><a href="#">Haslam</a> has breakfast with <a href="#">local Jackson educators</a> for input on improving education in Tennessee.</p> <p>Haslam holds jobs roundtable in Jackson to hear more about how the state can help create the right environment for job growth.</p>
<b>Mar. 21</b>	<p>Haslam has breakfast with <a href="#">local Clarksville educators</a> for input on improving education in Tennessee.</p> <p>Haslam holds <a href="#">jobs roundtable</a> in Clarksville to hear more about how the state can help create the right environment for job growth.</p>
<b>Mar. 22</b>	Haslam visits with employees at the Department of Commerce and Insurance.
<b>Mar. 25</b>	<p>Haslam has breakfast with local Kingsport educators for input on improving education in Tennessee.</p> <p>Haslam holds jobs roundtable in Kingsport to hear more about how the state can help create the right environment for job growth.</p>
<b>Mar. 28</b>	<p>Haslam holds jobs roundtable in Cookeville to hear more about how the state can help create the right environment for job growth.</p> <p>Haslam has breakfast with local Cookeville educators for input on improving education in Tennessee.</p>
<b>Mar. 29</b>	Haslam and the Tennessee Department of Education hold an education roundtable discussion to commemorate the <a href="#">first anniversary</a> of Tennessee’s designation as a <a href="#">“Race to the Top”</a> state, analyzing what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done moving forward.

<b>March 31</b>	There are 1,805 new jobs created in the first quarter of 2011.
<b>Apr. 6</b>	Haslam and the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development <a href="#">unveil</a> three <a href="#">Career Coaches</a> – mobile service centers designed to improve outcomes for those looking for work.
<b>Apr. 7</b>	Haslam has breakfast with local <a href="#">Memphis</a> educators for input on improving education in Tennessee.
<b>Apr. 8</b>	Haslam has lunch with <a href="#">local Hixson teachers</a> for input on improving education in Tennessee.
<b>Apr. 12</b>	<a href="#">Haslam signs</a> his <a href="#">tenure reform</a> bill into law, which received bipartisan support in the House and Senate and furthers Tennessee’s role in leading the nation in education reform.
<b>April 13</b>	Haslam participates in a roundtable <a href="#">discussion</a> with <a href="#">local Nashville educators</a> for input on improving education in Tennessee.
<b>Apr. 15</b>	Haslam <a href="#">attends discussions</a> with <a href="#">Knoxville Chamber of Commerce officials and local educators</a> for input on improving education in Tennessee.
<b>Apr. 20</b>	Haslam and Hagerty announce the <a href="#">Jobs4TN plan</a> , which lays out the administration’s economic development strategy resulting from a top-to-bottom review of the department. – <i>“My top priority is for Tennessee to be the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high-quality jobs,” Haslam said. “Our Jobs4TN plan is a blueprint for doing just that. By leveraging our existing assets in each region, we will be able to attract new businesses to the state while helping our existing businesses expand and remain competitive. We will also be making significant investments in innovation to position Tennessee as a national leader well into the future.”</i>
<b>Apr. 25</b>	Haslam <a href="#">notes</a> first <a href="#">100 days</a> in office – <i>“It is an honor to serve as governor, and I’m proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish in working with the General Assembly and people across the state,” Haslam said. “Whether it is during meetings with educators, business people or local officials, I appreciate the opportunity to hear from Tennesseans and receive real-time feedback on the things that matter to them.”</i>
<b>Apr. 28</b>	Haslam travels to <a href="#">Bradley and Hamilton counties</a> for a <a href="#">firsthand look</a> at <a href="#">tornado damage</a> .
<b>May 2</b>	Haslam tours storm damage in <a href="#">Greene County</a> , and the president approves Haslam’s request for federal assistance to <a href="#">four counties</a> as a result of severe storms, flash flooding and tornados.

<b>May 3</b>	Haslam and local area mayors receive a briefing on <a href="#">West Tennessee flooding damage</a> .
<b>May 5</b>	<p>Haslam <a href="#">unveils innovation initiative</a> as first step toward innovation leadership in Southeast - <i>"In a global economy, a focus on innovation along with raising our achievements in education is the best approach to moving our state's economy forward,"</i> Haslam said. <i>"Tennessee has remarkable assets in research and development. We need to do a better job of leveraging these assets and growing innovative new companies to reach our goal of becoming the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs."</i></p> <p>Haslam announced federal approval of <a href="#">six counties</a> for federal assistance after severe storms, flash flooding and tornados.</p>
<b>May 10</b>	<p>Haslam and Huffman <a href="#">announce</a> Chris Barbic as Superintendent of the state Achievement School District.</p> <p>Haslam announces federal approval of <a href="#">15 counties</a> for federal assistance after severe storms, flash flooding and tornados.</p>
<b>May 16</b>	Haslam files an <a href="#">amendment</a> to the FY 2011-2012 budget proposal to <a href="#">reflect new estimates</a> on increased state revenue collections.
<b>May 17</b>	Haslam holds a roundtable discussion with <a href="#">local Springfield educators</a> for input on improving education in Tennessee.
<b>May 31</b>	Haslam visits with employees at the Department of Veterans Affairs.
<b>June 2</b>	Haslam visits with employees at the <a href="#">Department of Agriculture</a> .
<b>June 6</b>	Haslam <a href="#">signs into law</a> a <a href="#">multi-faceted anti-meth bill</a> Commissioner of Safety and Homeland Security Bill Gibbons worked on to bring law enforcement officials and industry stakeholders together for a solution to help combat the increasing problem of methamphetamine manufacturing and use in Tennessee.
<b>June 8</b>	Haslam <a href="#">signs</a> HB 2010/SB 1529 into <a href="#">law</a> , allowing <a href="#">students</a> to use the HOPE Scholarship for summer courses. The legislation received overwhelming support in both houses of the General Assembly, passing the House 96-0 and the Senate 27-1.
<b>June 9</b>	Haslam visits with employees at the <a href="#">Department of Human Services</a> .
<b>June 15</b>	<a href="#">Haslam signs</a> into law <a href="#">HB 1989/SB 1523</a> , which removes the cap on the number of charter schools allowed in the state and opens enrollment to more students. The legislation received bipartisan support in both houses

	of the General Assembly, passing the House 72-18 and the Senate 22-9.
<b>June 16</b>	<p>Haslam <a href="#">signs</a> the <a href="#">FY 2011-2012 state budget</a>, which was unanimously passed by the General Assembly.</p> <p><a href="#">Haslam signs</a> HB 2008/SB 1522, the <a href="#">Tennessee Civil Justice Act</a>, into law to provide predictability to business. The legislation received bipartisan support in both houses of the General Assembly, passing out of the House 68-27 and the Senate 21-12.</p>
<b>June 21</b>	Haslam <a href="#">convenes Summit on Aging</a> at Lipscomb University.
<b>June 23</b>	At the <a href="#">Tennessee Digital Government Summit</a> , Haslam <a href="#">highlights</a> his administration's aggressive approach to utilizing <a href="#">new media and social media sites</a> to <a href="#">communicate</a> in real time with Tennesseans.
<b>June 27</b>	<p>Haslam visits with employees at the <a href="#">Department of Corrections</a>.</p> <p>Haslam hires state's first chief procurement officer, <a href="#">Jessica Robertson</a>.</p>
<b>June 28</b>	<a href="#">Haslam and Hagerty announce</a> the formation of <a href="#">Startup Tennessee</a> , a public-private partnership designed to connect and align entrepreneurial efforts across Tennessee.
<b>June 30</b>	<p>Haslam visits with employees at the <a href="#">Department of Intellectual Disabilities</a>.</p> <p>There are 3,843 new jobs created in the second quarter of 2011.</p>
<b>July 6</b>	Haslam visits with employees at the <a href="#">Department of Human Resources</a> .
<b>July 8</b>	Haslam visits with employees at the <a href="#">Department of Military</a> .
<b>July 12</b>	<p>Haslam visits with employees at the <a href="#">Department of Revenue</a>.</p> <p>Haslam visits with employees at the <a href="#">Department of Labor and Workforce Development</a>.</p>
<b>July 13</b>	<p>Haslam has lunch with <a href="#">local Oak Ridge educators</a> for input on improving education in Tennessee.</p> <p>Haslam holds Jobs4TN discussion in Cookeville to hear more about how the state can help create the right environment for job growth.</p>
<b>July 14</b>	<p>Haslam and Environment and Conservation Commissioner Bob Martineau <a href="#">open Tims Ford State Park</a> Visitor Center and Trail System.</p> <p>Haslam holds Jobs4TN presentation in <a href="#">Fayetteville</a> to hear more about how the state can help create the right environment for job growth.</p>
<b>July 15</b>	Haslam attends ECD CEO Roundtable in Paris to hear more about how the

	state can help create the right environment for job growth.
<b>July 22</b>	Haslam visits with employees at the Department of Mental Health.
<b>July 28</b>	<p>Haslam holds <a href="#">jobs roundtable in Columbia</a> to hear more about how the state can help create the right environment for job growth.</p> <p>Haslam attends <a href="#">ECD CEO meeting in Lebanon</a> to hear more about how the state can help create the right environment for job growth.</p> <p>Haslam has lunch with <a href="#">teachers in Lebanon</a> for input on improving education in Tennessee.</p>
<b>July 29</b>	Haslam and Huffman <a href="#">announce</a> Annual Yearly Progress scores and Tennessee's request for a waiver from the federal No Child Left Behind legislation.
<b>Aug. 1 - 5</b>	Haslam <a href="#">travels</a> to Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan and Germany to visit with troops overseas.
<b>Aug. 9</b>	Haslam announced as Vice Chair of the National Governors Association Education, Early Childhood and Workforce Committee.
<b>Aug. 10</b>	Haslam <a href="#">hosts</a> an <a href="#">education forum</a> with U.S. Education Sec. Arne Duncan along with joining him for a <a href="#">roundtable</a> with <a href="#">rural school superintendents</a> from around Tennessee.
<b>Aug. 11</b>	Haslam visits with employees at the <a href="#">Department of Economic and Community Development</a> .
<b>Aug. 16</b>	Haslam visits with employees at the <a href="#">Department of Safety</a> .
<b>Aug. 18</b>	Haslam attends a roundtable with <a href="#">local Erwin educators</a> for input on improving education in Tennessee.
<b>Aug. 24</b>	Haslam attends <a href="#">ECD event</a> in Chattanooga to hear more about how the state can help create the right environment for job growth.
<b>Aug. 25</b>	Haslam attends <a href="#">ECD event</a> in Hendersonville to hear more about how the state can help create the right environment for job growth.
<b>Aug. 30</b>	Haslam attends <a href="#">ECD event</a> in Kingsport to hear more about how the state can help create the right environment for job growth before <a href="#">traveling to Vonore and touring</a> the Biomass Innovation Park and the cellulosic ethanol biorefinery.
<b>Aug. 31</b>	Haslam attends the <a href="#">EDGE – Growth Alliance</a> board meeting in Memphis to hear more about how the state can help create the right environment for

	job growth.
<b>Sept. 2</b>	Haslam announces <a href="#">Dr. John Dreyzehner</a> as new Health Commissioner.
<b>Sept. 7 – 9</b>	Haslam and Hagerty <a href="#">travel</a> to San Francisco and Los Angeles to meet with existing businesses, prospects and site selection representatives.
<b>Sept. 13 – 14</b>	Haslam travels to New York with Lieutenant Gov. Ron Ramsey, Finance and Administration Commissioner Mark Emkes, Secretary of State Tre Hargett, Treasurer David Lillard, and Comptroller Justin Wilson for <a href="#">annual meetings</a> with the <a href="#">three bond ratings agencies</a> .
<b>Sept. 22</b>	Haslam visits with employees at the <a href="#">Department of Children’s Services</a> . Haslam visits with employees at the <a href="#">Department of Transportation</a> .
<b>Sept. 23</b>	Haslam <a href="#">delivers remarks</a> in the East Room of the White House highlighting the state’s role as a national leader in education reform.  Haslam <a href="#">discusses</a> the five truths of job creation in Tennessee at the <a href="#">Annual Governor’s ECD Conference</a> .
<b>September 26 – 27</b>	Haslam participates in the <a href="#">NBC Education Nation Summit</a> in New York City expanding Tennessee’s presence as a national leader in education reform.
<b>September 30</b>	There are 4,180 new jobs created in the third quarter of 2011.
<b>October 4</b>	<a href="#">Haslam lauds</a> the three bond rating agencies for maintaining the state’s solid credit ratings, a testament to Tennessee’s leadership and conservative fiscal management.
<b>October 6</b>	<a href="#">Haslam announces agreement</a> with Amazon resulting in the company’s subsidiaries creating 3,500 full time Tennessee-based jobs with benefits, thousands of seasonal jobs along with making \$350 million in capital investment.  Haslam visits with employees at the <a href="#">Department of Education</a> .
<b>October 7</b>	Haslam speaks at the Governor’s Conference on <a href="#">Tourism</a> in Memphis.
<b>October 17</b>	Haslam attends the Governor’s <a href="#">Housing Summit</a> in Nashville.
<b>October 18</b>	Haslam travels to Montgomery County, joining <a href="#">Health</a> Commissioner John Dreyzehner in receiving a <a href="#">flu shot</a> .
<b>October 24</b>	Haslam announces the members of his <a href="#">Health and Wellness Task Force</a> , charged with developing an initiative to improve Tennessee’s health status by leveraging private and public resources.

<b>October 25</b>	<p>Haslam renews state commitment to <a href="#">National Civil Rights Museum</a> in Memphis with nearly \$2.5 million in state funding for renovations.</p> <p>Haslam hosts <a href="#">listening session</a> in Somerville with agriculture stakeholders.</p>
<b>October 26</b>	<p><a href="#">Haslam announces</a> that portions of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget hearings will occur outside of Nashville – in Memphis and Knoxville – for the first time in state history.</p>
<b>October 27</b>	<p>Haslam commemorates the six month <a href="#">anniversary</a> of the devastating storms and tornados that hit Tennessee in April.</p> <p>Haslam tours and speaks with employees at <a href="#">Whirlpool</a> in Cleveland.</p> <p>Haslam participates in small business <a href="#">listening session</a> in Lenoir City.</p>
<b>November 2</b>	<p>Haslam begins his budget hearings at the University of Memphis.</p>
<b>November 3</b>	<p>Haslam visits with <a href="#">employees</a> at the Department of Finance and Administration.</p>
<b>November 4</b>	<p>Haslam <a href="#">hosts</a> budget hearings at the State Capitol.</p>
<b>November 7</b>	<p>Haslam and First Lady Crissy Haslam <a href="#">thank veterans</a> for their service.</p>
<b>November 14</b>	<p>Haslam hosts the National Governors Association <a href="#">Regional Summit</a> on Growing State Economies, meeting with Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin and Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman in Nashville.</p>
<b>November 15</b>	<p>Haslam hosts budget hearings at the State Capitol.</p>
<b>November 21</b>	<p>Haslam participates in major announcement regarding the General Motors facility in Spring Hill.</p>
<b>November 22</b>	<p>Haslam hosts budget hearings in Knoxville at the University of Tennessee.</p>
<b>November 28</b>	<p>Haslam hosts the final FY 2012-2013 budget hearing at the State Capitol.</p>